I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

## Chairman Powell,

It is critical to keep a handful of media conglomerates from dominating the news sources of this nation. It is already difficult to find diversity in most markets. Our democracy is already seiously compromised by the commercial monopoly of our public airwaves.

Your role is to protect freedom of speech and our precious public rights- don't sell out the free press to corporate interests. Defend Democracy!!!